for development of the infrastructure for inland fish, farming and marketing.

(to) Under the scheme of Development of Freshwater Aquaculture, 18 Fish Farmers' Development Agencies (PFDAs) are sanctioned in Karnataka, Fifty percent of the total subsidy is provided by the Government of India to fish farmers for construction of. new ponds, renovation/reclamation of ponds and tanks, inputs in the first year and for running water fish culture under scheme

(c) There is no proposal with the Government' at present to decentralise the functions of Central Instigate of Coastal Engineering for Fishery (CICEF). Further, the States are already irnplementing schemes for development of ,minor, fishing harbours and landing centres with 50 per cent financial assistance: from Government of India and CICEF provides only; technical evaluation and assistance.

Damage of Cotton Crops in Punjab

117: SHRl VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Ministef'ttf AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that American Ball Worm disease infected the standing Cotton Crops in Ferozpur district and other Cotton growing areas' in Punjab and great damage has been done to the Cotton Crop ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the numerous prsticide rays has no effect to check the peest infestation to the Cotton .Crop;

(c) whether it is also a fact that spurious and substandard pestieides were Supplied to the framers and-no action was taken by Agriculture Department to check it;

(d) whether it is also a fact that no proper advices training,, given by .Agriculture Department for the proper and effective use of pesticides and

(e) whether it is also a fact that due to this disease the yield of cotton per acre has come down to 2 quintal instead of 12 quintals what pians Government have taken to compensate the farmers for this

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND, THE MINISTER-OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (|SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR); (a) Low incidence of American bollworm occurred on cotton in Ferozepur and some other cotton growing areas of Pujab and approximately 10—15 per cent damage, is expecfed,

(b No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir. The insecticides were got inspected-and tested before their supply to the growers by the State Department of Agriculture, Punjab.

*(d) No, Sir Cotton growers were given proper advice and- training on the use of pesticides through the extension staff of the Department of Agriculture, Punjab and through mass-media.

(e) No, Sir. In view of the low pest incidence and nominal damage to the crop, the question of' conipisrisatfon does not arise.

Civic Amenities in Villages for Fisherment in Orissa

118. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to' state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to provide civic amenities, housing and recreation facilities to fishermen villages in the country and to create Model Fishermen villages ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of villages developed so far, being developed in the current year in the country and names of villages and districts in Orissa in which such development is taking place ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and(b) The Government of Indians already implementing development of Model Fisherman villages scheme as a Centrally Sponsored scheme since 1986-87. The scheme aims at developing model